Her Highness with the insignia of the exalted Order of the Crown of India. Their Excellencies left Trivandrum on the 9th morning for the Cape and after a day's stay there left for Tinnevelly on the morning of the 10th December.

Administrative Tutor to His Highness the Maha Raja.

4. Another important event that I have to mention here is the decision of the Government of India that His Highness the Maha Raja should have adequate administrative training and the appointment as Administrative Tutor to His Highness of Mr. P. C. Dutt, I. C. S., now Collector of Madras. It is the firm hope of all Travancore that the training which His Highness will have under Mr. Dutt will serve to make His Highness, in the felicitous words of His Excellency Lord Irwin, "a Prince whose State is his first thought, and who finds his own principal happiness and reward in devoting himself to the advancement of his people."

Introductory.

5. I shall now pass on to a consideration of the salient points in the administration of the State in 1104 and shall try also to indicate briefly some of the important administrative measures that have been adopted during the current year. Copies of the Administration Report of the State for 1104 M. E. have already been placed in your hands. The Report is mainly the chronicle of the work of Mr. Watts whose term of office, which was marked by many administrative measures beneficial to the country, extended to the 8th Mithunam of that year. You have also been furnished with copies of the Report on the operations of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Statistical Volume and the Statement of Action taken on the pending representations made at the four previous sessions of the Assembly. The Statement will enable you the small industrialist to avail themselves of improved methods of work and more profitable ways of selling the products of their labour and to provide better housing and sanitary conditions in congested villages. That public attention has already been directed to this aspect of the question is clear from the proceedings of the All-Travancore Co-operative Conference recently held at Quilon. The Government too have instructed the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to devote special attention to that side of the movement.

Joint Stock Companies.

14. The enthusiasm for company promotion noticed in 1103 continued in 1104, ninety-eight new companies being registered during the year. The number is the highest on record since 1095 in which year 101 companies were registered. No less than 74 of the new companies were banks. In spite of the large number of banks that now exist, there is a complaint that our agriculture and industries are not getting adequate banking facilities. This question is being investigated by the Banking Enquiry Committee that has quite opportunely been formed recently.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly